

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
District of South Carolina**

Case Number: 12-01301-jw

Chapter: 13

**In re:**

Michael Jacob Popovich  
aka Michael J. Popovich, aka Mike Popovich

Lindsey Kara Popovich  
aka Lindsey K. Popovich, aka Lindsey Popovich, aka Lindsey  
K. Grills

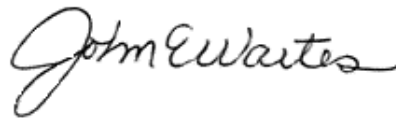
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**Discharge of Debtor After Completion of Chapter 13 Plan**

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**5/2/16**  
Laura A. Austin  
Clerk of Court  
US Bankruptcy Court

It appearing that the debtor is entitled to a discharge, **IT IS ORDERED:**

The debtor is granted a discharge under section 1328(a) of title 11, United States Code, (the Bankruptcy Code).



United States Bankruptcy Judge

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## **Explanation of Bankruptcy Discharge Before Completion of a Chapter 13 Plan**

This order does not close or dismiss the case.

### **Creditors cannot collect discharged debts**

This order means that no one may make any attempt to collect a discharged debt from the debtors personally. For example, creditors cannot sue, garnish wages, assert a deficiency, or otherwise try to collect from the debtors personally on discharged debts. Creditors cannot contact the debtors by mail, phone, or otherwise in any attempt to collect the debt personally. Creditors who violate this order can be required to pay debtors damages and attorney's fees.

However, a creditor with a lien may enforce a claim against the debtors' property subject to that lien unless the lien was avoided or eliminated. For example, a creditor may have the right to foreclose a home mortgage or repossess an automobile.

This order does not prevent debtors from paying any debt voluntarily. 11 U.S.C. § 524(f).

### **Most debts are discharged**

Most debts are covered by the discharge, but not all. Generally, a discharge removes the debtors' personal liability for debts provided for by the chapter 13 plan.

In a case involving community property: Special rules protect certain community property owned by the debtor's spouse, even if that spouse did not file a bankruptcy case.

### **Some debts are not discharged**

Examples of debts that are not discharged are:

- ◆ debts that are domestic support obligations;
- ◆ debts for most student loans;
- ◆ debts for certain type of taxes specified in 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8)(C), 523(a)(1)(B), or 523(a)(1)(C) to the extent not paid in full under the plan;
- ◆ debts that the bankruptcy court has decided or will decide are not discharged in this bankruptcy case;
- ◆ debts for most fines, penalties, forfeitures, or criminal restitution obligations;
- ◆ some debts which the debtors did not properly list;
- ◆ debts provided for under 11 U.S.C. § 1322(b)(5) and on which the last payment or other transfer is due after the date on which the final payment under the plan was due;
- ◆ debts for certain consumer purchases made after the bankruptcy case was filed if obtaining the trustee's prior approval of incurring the debt was practicable but was not obtained; and
- ◆ debts for restitution, or damages, awarded in a civil action against the debtor as a result of malicious or willful injury by the debtor that caused personal injury to an individual or the death of an individual; and
- ◆ debts for death or personal injury caused by operating a vehicle while intoxicated.

In addition, this discharge does not stop creditors from collecting from anyone else who is also liable on the debt, such as an insurance company or a person who cosigned or guaranteed a loan.

**This information is only a general summary of a chapter 13 hardship discharge; some exceptions exist. Because the law is complicated, you should consult an attorney to determine the exact effect of the discharge in this case.**